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REILLY QUILTS

VSF boss walks out over our Page One story

JACK Reilly, Chairman of the Victorian Soccer Federation, has resigned.

He quit on Wednesday night following disagreement with National Soccer League chief, Sam Papasavas, over our front page story, last week, highlighting overspending by the NSL.

As our last edition was rushed hot off the press to the Buffalo Cup Final last Wednesday, a rumpus erupted in the Olympic Park VIP room between Reilly and several prominent NSL identities.

Eventually, after presenting the Cup to South Melbourne, Reilly sat down and wrote out his resignation which was not accepted.

A worried George Wallace, Executive

By LES SHORROCK

Director of the VSF, immediately rounded up all available members of the Board of Management, who went into a huddle behind closed doors.

An emergency Board meeting was called for last Friday night, but was then cancelled, in the hope of taking some heat out of the situation.

As we went to press, the matter still remained unresolved, although it is understood that several leading Victorian identities, including one of his most vociferous critics, have begged Reilly to reconsider.



● Jack Reilly, the Collins Street merchant banker.

As the Chairman is elected by popular vote of all the VSF's 153 member clubs, it will be necessary to call an extraordinary General

Meeting to replace Reilly if he doesn't change his mind.

If he can't be persuaded to stay on, it will be a severe blow to the VSF's plans for the streamlining and modernisation of the whole Victorian soccer set-up.

It is an open secret that Jack Reilly had ambitions to step into the shoes of 72-year-old doyen of Australian soccer, Sir Arthur George, who retires on July 29, after the Bicentennial Gold Cup.

He can still achieve that step, of course, and Victoria's loss would be Australia's gain, because he would be the first ex-player to rise to that eminence.

Socceroo Jack Reilly was one of the heroes of the 1974 Australian team that reached the World Cup-finals in West Germany under Rale Rasic.

'BLIND REFS KILLING THE GAME'

A LEADING Melbourne NSL official said this week that inconsistency by some referees was killing the game.

"They come into the dressing room before the match and tell us how they are under instruction to tighten up and cut out foul play, then when they get out on the field they are blind to most of the tricks that players pull," he said.

"So they run around waving yellow cards at all and sundry for petty offences like kicking the ball away and miss the two-footed tackles and elbows in the face.

"My team has been maligned in the press for being over-physical, but we have so many injured players at the moment that it would pay us to open our own hospital."

When the new get-tough policy was first announced and the cautions started flying about, many club officials were heard to comment wryly that they would have so many suspensions that they would need to double the size of their squads.

Now their main concern is the injuries that key players are receiving.

Last weekend South Melbourne's David Healy was carried off against Footscray and Juventus' Mickey Petersen will be out of action for several weeks with a fractured ankle, while his teammate, Charlie Egan, had to go to hospital to have stitches after receiving an elbow in the face.

Sunshine George Cross has, I understand, complained that one of its players was reported in mistake for a teammate.

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The Star interview with Lewis Yoannides

'It's a Mickey Mouse League'

JUST a few months ago Heidelberg, Melbourne's most successful National Soccer League club, was relegated from the League in the most traumatic circumstances.

LAST week, Soccer Star went along to see how the 'Bergers were adapting to their new State League status and found club president, Lewis Yoannides, who has been with the club for 23 years, in buoyant mood.

We put some searching questions to him and he answered them very frankly. Soccer Star: How did you feel when Heidelberg was relegated?

L.Y.: "I was quite devastated, it took me three or four weeks to grasp that it had happened to us. I tell

you it upset the hell out of me, because of the way it all came about. Imagine the Chairman of the NSL giving the club permission to play the player Scott Fraser after both George Wallace and Stefan Kamasz had refused to clear him.

"It was another Mickey Mouse decision by a Mickey Mouse League."

"I fired off a fax to the League on about the 5th of December describing the whole affair as a Mickey Mouse decision, and to this day I have not had a reply."

"I call it Mickey Mouse because it is so



Les Shorrock talks to Heidelberg's President

inconsistent. Back in 1979 Sam Papasavas' own club South Melbourne Hellas finished bottom, but we supported its attempt to stay in the League because we thought the League needed Hellas.

"I think Sam Papasavas should have resigned over the Scott Fraser business, and if I had been a president or delegate of any other club I would have

demanding his resignation. "When you hold a responsible position like his, there is no room for mistakes," alleged Yoannides.

Well, now are you in the State League for 1988. Can I ask you what financial shape was the club in when you took over?

"It was pretty bad. The club owed half a million dollars at least, but I am happy to say that in the last two months since the new committee took over we have done wonders."

"By selling some players and holding a couple of functions and taking over running our canteen ourselves we have managed to wipe out our short-term debts."

"We are still in debt to one bank, the Commonwealth, to the tune of about \$40,000, but we have done very well. Selling players has brought us in about \$128,000 so far and Theo Selemides and Chris Ketakides could still go."

"We have had tremendous help from our main sponsor, KH Stramit, who have helped to build the press box and VIP area that was started by the previous president, Peter Tsaklis."

"Other sponsors have provided windows, doors, chairs, you name it, all we've had to provide is the labour. We think we already have the best club ground in the country, all our patrons are under cover and there is ample parking."

"Having Juventus as a co-tenant is worth about another \$15,000 to us, so it all helps."

Having sold players of the calibre of Jeff Oliver, Steve Marley, Alan Hunter and Peter

Tsolakis, what sort of a team will you be able to field in the State League?

"We will have a strong team in 1988, backed up by excellent staff. We are negotiating for the return of Yaka Banovic and hope soon to sign Rothmans Medal winner Paul Harris from Caulfield. And we have just signed Dennis Morovic from St. Albans, last year's State League top goal-scorer who was being chased by several other clubs."

"I think the reason why so many players are keen to come to us is because we have Terry Hennessy as coach. Con Pappas, for example, who should never have been lost to us in the first place, was very happy to come back."

"Terry is marvellous and I'm really surprised that he has been in and out of the game as he has. His knowledge



Scott Fraser... the player involved in the transfer mix-up.

"First things first. Of course we will be going all out to win the State League, we wouldn't be rebuilding if we didn't want to win the League."

"But applying for the play-offs for the NSL is a different matter, a bridge we will cross when we come to it."

"I mean, who is to say that there will be a national league next year? All the NSL clubs are in the red and going further into debt all the time. We don't want to go down that track again. In fact, it is becoming apparent now that relegation from the NSL was the salvation of Heidelberg."

So, to sum up Lewis, your message to Heidelberg fans would be, 'take heart, there is life after relegation'?

"Of course it is, your message to Heidelberg fans would be, 'take heart, there is life after relegation'?"

"Once the VIP and Press box is finished, we intend to start building a reception



Lewis Yoannides... "It upset the hell out of me."

Arok tells our Star man Yankos better than Wilson

AS a captain and a player, Charlie Yankos is better than Australia's longest-serving international, Peter Wilson. So says Soccerroo coach Frank Arok.

"Wilson was an import who was better than most of the others at the time. He was not of international class on his own but our game was not so strong at the time, so he could survive," Arok said.

"Yankos is the product of our own soccer. He really has made his presence felt. He is very positive and well respected. The guys are very fond of him. He enjoys the captaincy very much and most important of all, he is an excellent communicator."

Wilson was Australian captain from 1971 to 1977, through two World Cup campaigns. English-born he played for South Coast United, Marconi, Western Suburbs and APIA and represented Australia a record 114 times.

Yankos, who rose from the Polonia juniors to the seniors of Heidelberg-Alexander, then to Adelaide Hellas and APIA, recently played his 64th game for Australia.

I asked Arok to make the comparison between the two captains during the recent series against Dinamo Zagreb.

Here are a few more extracts from that interview:

Q. From the start of your reign as national coach, you spurned the conventional team formations used in the NSL. Was that a risk in itself?

Arok: At a lot of clubs, players are taught by repetition, they learn by heart certain ways of playing but repetition won't take you far in international soccer. When I introduced two stoppers and a sweeper, with the full backs acting as wide midfielders, I was accused of using five defenders. Now almost

Laurie Schwab talks to our National coach Frank Arok.



everyone plays that way.

Also I don't like playing two centre forwards because that way of playing is too well known, too easily countered. I like to have second and third forwards coming in from wide positions. Look, everything in soccer is debatable except quality and results. We are playing well, we are using the ball and it is definitely a different game than the old, gutsy, get-in-hard style of the past. Today you do not often see long balls because we try to keep possession.

Yankos used to play those long balls but I have stopped it. Against Dinamo, especially in the 1-1 draw in Melbourne, we worked in our defending. If you have got a smoothly functioning defence you can start doing things. You have to win the ball back, and that's what we did. It was only at the time the ball changed hands, that we hesitated too much. We went back for support, allowing them to get men behind the ball, instead of hitting them straight away. That will

come. It is all a matter of getting back in touch.

Q. Are you really serious about getting Jim Patikas, David Mitchell and Chris Kalantzis back from overseas for the Olympic series or is it just a smokescreen to scare the other players, and to get publicity for the Olympic campaign? Kalantzis, for example, was extremely disappointing during the President's Cup in Seoul. You've just recalled Kosmina and Farina has been playing well.

How can you fit everyone in?

Arok: Look, I am deadly serious about the overseas players, and they will be here. If my present players are worried by that, let them play so well that I can't drop them. The Olympic qualifying series is almost here. We have no more time for preparation so it is vital that we get the best players back home.

Q. Are your Soccerroos still the mad dogs of old?

Can they maintain that fanaticism?

Arok: Never in any game have they lacked

commitment. In fact, in the most difficult matches, it is what gets us through but we have many other qualities as well — skill, pace, height, versatility. Our killer instinct is represented best by one player in each line — Yankos at the back, McDowall when he plays in midfield and Kosmina up front. But all the guys can be vicious. Crino can be vicious.

Q. Israel recently drew with France, one of the world's best teams, and Israel has yet to regain many of its stars playing abroad.

Arok: I would rather play France than Dinamo. I would rather play England than Liverpool because club teams have greater fluency, greater understanding.

Q. What else could be done to help your Olympic preparations?

Arok: I would stop local competitions two weeks before the Olympic kick-off and of course I want the overseas players and I want time to make sure everyone is fit and healthy. If we lose one or two key players in club games just before the qualifying series, everything could go to pieces. However, the competition won't stop at all.

Q. Aurelio Vidmar of Adelaide Juventus was among the new players you tried out against Dinamo. What do you like about him?

Arok: It would be nice to have the running, the organising capacity, the scoring ability and the defensive commitment all in the one player. I am satisfied in the work done by Wade and Crino but Vidmar has the potential to do all these things.

Q. Where is our domestic soccer going? What would increase attendances?

Arok: Everyone puts unbelievable pressure

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Frank Arok points out a tactical move to Charlie Yankos.

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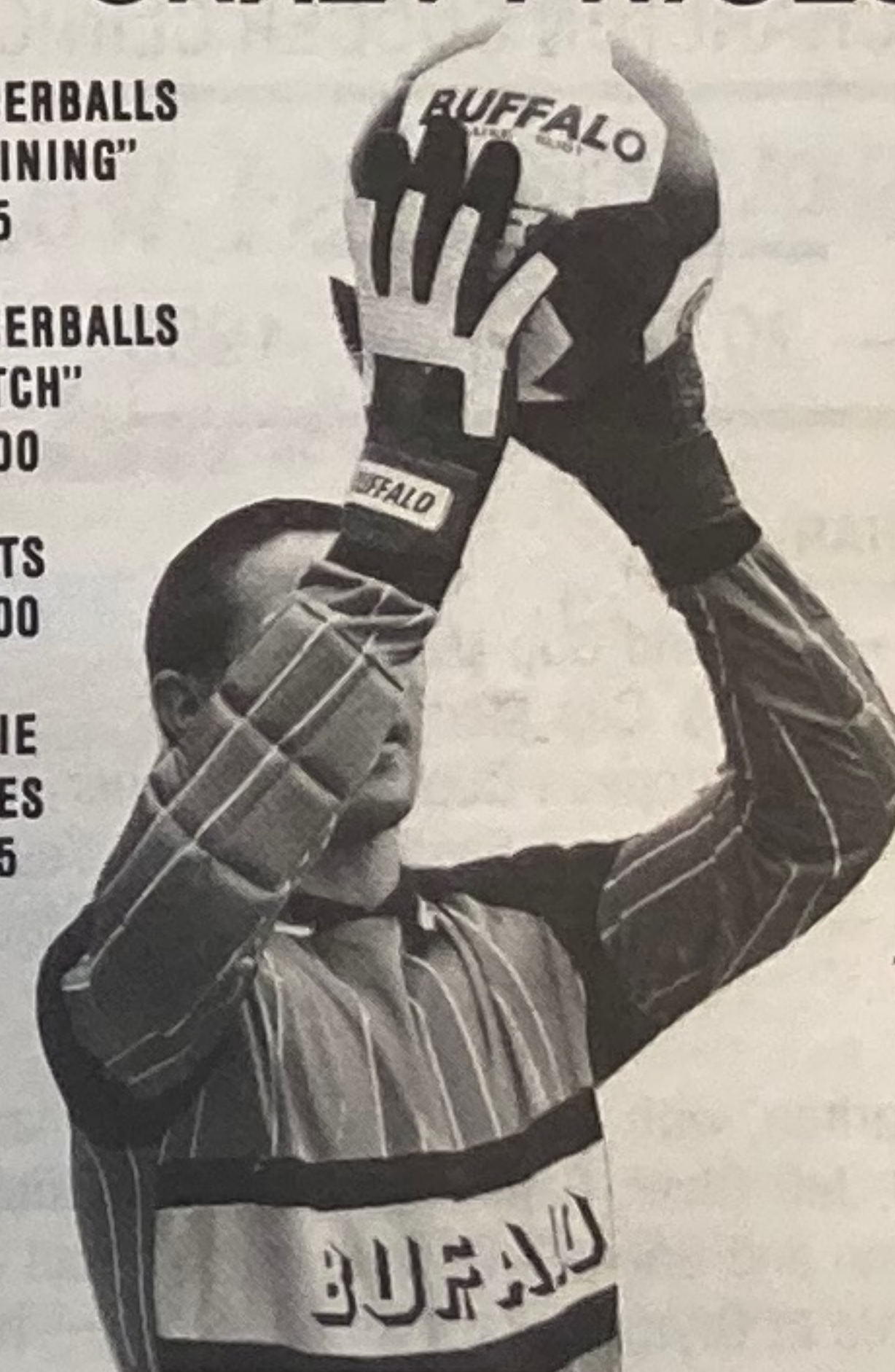
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NATIONAL LEAGUE ROUND-UP

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Murphy 20th, Lewis 90th) **ST. GEORGE 1** (Koczka 43rd)

Melbourne Croatia grabbed its first win of the season in a nail-biting finish at Olympic Park in the first game of a poorly attended double-header.

Only 4000 fans turned up to watch what on paper looked like an attractive programme, and whilst theories abound that Melbourne families don't like Saturday night soccer, no doubt Olympic Park's increasing car-parking problem couldn't have helped.

Faced with traffic going to the Moscow Circus or the Pink Floyd concert, many must have turned away rather than park in Richmond and walk the rest of the way.

St. George coach Frank Arok was saying before the game that his team had been brilliant for 60 minutes against Adelaide City the week before, which led me to expect great things.

But the Saints looked just the same as they always do when I see them in Melbourne, a solid, workmanlike outfit that takes no prisoners, but not by any stretch of the imagination brilliant.

Maybe that 6-0 scoreline against Adelaide City says more about City than it does about the Saints.

Melbourne Croatia looked good in the

CROATIA LEFT IT LATE

opening half hour of this game, wit Branko Milosevic showing great vision at times, nippy Josip Biskic running at defenders and Paul Lewis toiling unceasingly up front.

Man of the match:
ALAN SCOTT

It was a Biskic run that set up the first goal after 20 minutes. Hiw low cross from near the corner-flag was completely missed by full-back David Green and Peter Murphy banged the ball past Gibson for his second goal in as many games.

Croatia continued to look good as the half wore on, but there were danger signals when Kevin Hagan missed first with a header then hit the cross-bar with a free-kick.

Hagan had looked dangerous, but it was his front-running partner, captain Andrew Koczka who jolted Croatia when, after a neat interchange with Scott Ollerenshaw he slammed the ball past Oliver two minutes before half-time.

The second half was even enough until 15 minutes from time when Steve O'Connor was sent off after a scuffle with Croatia's best player Alan Scott, right on the

edge of the penalty area. Koczka dropped back into his more accustomed role to replace Rocky O'Connor and the Saints tried to settle for a draw with ten men.

They could have succeeded too, but with only seconds remaining, Murphy broke through and sent Paul Lewis racing into the box.

South Korean international Choi Kyeong Sik brought him down in desperation, and Lewis picked himself up, spotted the ball and calmly smashed it past poor Mike Gibson as the Croatia bench leapt up in triumph.

SOUTH ESCAPES

FOOTSCRAY 1 (Spink 33rd) **SOUTH MELBOURNE 1** (Tasios 12th)

After its great pre-match build-up, this game was something of a disappointment even though referee John Fraser let it flow as much as possible, which was a credit to him.

There were patches of brilliance, a missed

penalty and narrow misses a-plenty, but there were also a lot of niggling, nasty little fouls that spoilt the occasion.

Man of the match:
OSCAR CRINO

And the result, South's third draw in succession, leaves a big question mark still hanging over the side.

Goalkeeper Con Giatas saved Ernie Tapai's spot-kick well and then Steve Tasios put South in front with a marvellous strike that left Zoran Nikitovic grasping thin air.

It looked as if it was going to be their day on Sunday too.

This time though, the equaliser came before half-time as Oscar Crino who had another marvellous game glided past three defenders and set up Warren Spink who smashed the ball past Giatas.

In the second half it was all Footscray and Russell, Blair and Co. had to call on all their considerable experience to keep the eager Blues at bay.

Their cause wasn't helped, either by having David Healy carried off, although young Paul Fernandes came on and did his bit nobly.

It's always a pleasure to watch Crino play, with that haughty mastery that is his hallmark, but why, oh why, does he mar perfection with those spiteful, petty fouls that it seems he has to commit?

(The same applies to Vlado Bozinovski, by the way.)

DETAILS ROUND FOUR

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Murphy 20th, Lewis 90th) **ST. GEORGE 1** (Koczka 43rd). At Olympic Park Saturday, crowd 4000 (double-header). Referee J. Howlin. Sent off O'Connor, cautions Heys, Donnelly (Mel. Croatia). MELBOURNE CROATIA: Olver 7 — Donnelly 6, Hannah 8, Dobson 6, Heys 7 — Biskic 6 (inj). Talajic H.T. 6). Scott 8, Milosevic 7, Caleta 6 — Lewis 7, Murphy 6. Coach I. Wallace. ST. GEORGE: Gibson 7 — Green 6, O'Connor 6 (sent off 75th), Moffitt 6, Grbevski 5 — Torteovski 6 (Petrovski 67th), Choi 6, Koczka 6, Pottier 6 — Hagan 5, Ollerenshaw 5 (Ilic 67th). Coach F. Arok.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (Keslovich 15th, Stewart o.g. 62nd). At Olympic Park Saturday, crowd 4000 (double-header), referee C. Bambridge. PRESTON: Triandis 4 — Opasins 6, Piculovski 6, Jackson 6, Ilioski 6 — Petrov 6, Stewart 6, Jolevski 5, Gojevic 5 — Dimovski 5 (Brian 65th), Smith 6. Coach E. Merrick. SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken 6 — Savor 8, Rozic 6, Hunter 6, Jennings 7 — Petkovic 6 (Cinch 72nd), Jones 6, Arnold 5, Rezo 6 — Slater 9, Keslovich 7 (Foster 80th). Coach V. Rozic.

MARCONI 2 (Farina 19th, Nasteovski 74th) **JUVENTUS 1** (Egan 9th). At Marconi Stadium, Saturday crowd 1012 referee R. Davies. Sent off Lewis, Brown (Juve) Farina (Marconi). Cautions Durakovic, McDowall, Belic (Juve), Wheatley, Nasteovski (Marconi). MARCONI: James — Gomez (Carter 73rd), Henderson, Calderan, Wheatley — Mason, McCulloch, Gray, Gunning (Nasteovski 69th) — Farina (sent off 25th), de Jong. Coach B. Mariani. JUVENTUS: Marrama — Durakovic, McDowall, Brown (sent off), Lewis (sent off), Marley — Palatsides, Petersen (inj. Belic 26th), Zinni — Lane (Incantulupo 90th), Egan. Coach L. McKendry.

ADELAIDE CITY 2 (J. Mullen 39th, Vidmar 51st) **WOLLONGONG CITY 3** (Skeen 2nd, Ainsworth 26th, Easthorpe 80th). At Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday, Crowd 3200 referee M. Browning. Cautions Vidmar (Adcity) Skeen (Woll.). ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica 4 — Shillabeer 7, Tobin 7 (Santrac 85th), Nyskohus 7, Flounders 6 — Melta 8, Sorensen 6, Villani 6, Vidmar 7 — J. Mullen 7, Maxwell 6. Coach Z. Matic. WOLLONGONG CITY: Young 7 — Skeen 8, Vlietstra 7, Ratcliffe 7, Morlando 7 — Cokely 6, Stefanovski 6, Ainsworth 7, Crainie 7 — Brazil 8, Easthorpe 7 (Cotton 86th). Coach J. Fleming.

FOOTSCRAY 1 (Spink 33rd) **SOUTH MELBOURNE 1** (Tasios 12th). At Schintler Reserve, Sunday, Crowd 6000, referee J. Fraser. Cautions Crino (Footscray). FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic 6 — van Egmond 6, James 6, Deankovic 7, Campbell 6 (Fabrizio 23rd) — Murphy 7, Bozinovski 7, Crino 9, Tapai 7 — Spink 7, Lujic 6. Coach M. Fazlagic. SOUTH MELBOURNE: Giatas 8 — Russell 7, Blair 7, Healy 6 (Fernandes 72nd) — Foster 7, Wade 7, Tasios 6, Tsolakis 6 — Wright 6, Trimboli 7. Coach: B. Garvey.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (Cummings 0.9 11th, Kosmina 16th, Pontidas 23rd) **BRISBANE LIONS 1** (Druey 90th). At Parramatta Stadium, Sunday, Crowd: 2839 referee A. Owens. Sent off Meredith (Lions). SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier: Barrett (Polak 72nd), Haniotis, Hooker, Phillips — Saad (Patalios 73rd), Dakos, Pontidas, Lee — Soper, Kosmina. Coach E. Thomson. BRISBANE LIONS: Kerton — Wheeler (Druey 60th), Liddell, Stewart, Niven — Ogden, Cummings, Meredith (Sent off 26th), Dwyer. Lightbrown, Kirsopp (Bassingthwaite 72nd). Coach J. Cutillas.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1 (Carter 4th) **APIA Leichhardt 0**. At Skinner Reserve, Saturday, Crowd 1500 referee Barry Harwood. GEORGE CROSS: Keogh — Campbell, Parton, Richardson, Marth, — Carter, Lennon, MacLaren, Markovac — Markovski, Clark. Coach J. Gardiner. APIA: Pezzano — de Marigny, Yankos, M. Brown, Reynolds — Watson, Tredinnick (Bertogna 64th), Zajmi, Butler — Parison (R. Brown 62nd), Mckinna. Coach R. Rasic.

NSL LEAGUE TABLE

Wollongong	3	2	1	0	6	3	5
Marconi	3	2	0	1	9	4	4
Syd. Olympic	3	2	0	1	6	2	4
Melb. Croatia	3	1	2	0	4	3	4
Syd. Croatia	3	2	0	1	3	3	4
Footscray	3	1	1	1	5	3	3
Bris. Lions	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
Juventus	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
St. Melbourne	3	0	3	0	2	2	3
St. George	3	1	0	2	8	5	2
Preston	3	0	2	1	0	2	2
APIA	3	1	0	2	1	4	2
George Cross	3	1	0	2	1	7	2
Adelaide City	3	0	1	2	2	9	1

Leading Goalscorers

5 Farina (Marc), 2 Crino & Spink (Footscray), Easthorpe (Woll.), Egan (Juve), Koczka (St. G.), Lewis and Murphy, P. (Mel. Cr), Ollerenshaw (St. G.).

NATIONAL LEAGUE ROUND-UP



Ken Murphy powers his way past Peter Tsolakis

SLATER SLAYS 'EM

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (Keslovich 10th, Stewart o.g.)

Preston's cup of woe ran over in the second game of Saturday's double-header, with its second defeat in four days.

The Buffalo Cup final defeat must have taken more out of the team than coach Ernie Merrick could have expected, for it lacked any sparkle, and goalkeeper Phil Triandis for one had a nightmare.

Preston looked all the worse for the fact that Sydney Croatia looked bright and aggressive.

Robbie Slater, for instance had a great game up front and as you watched his powerful runs at the defence and his shrewd prompting of his fellow striker, unknown Tony Keslovich, his absence from the Soccerroos becomes all the more puzzling.

Frank Arok recently promoted Scott Ollerenshaw to the senior Soccerroo squad, but on the night's showing you'd have to wonder about his choice over Slater.

Slater showed his power early in the game when he let loose a

thunderbolt that Triandis dropped like a hot cake.

The game was only 10 minutes old when Wally Savor who had a great game sliced the Preston defence apart with a superb pass which young Tony Keslovich took in his stride to score well.

Note the name... this boy is going to be a great striker, and what's more, he's home-grown, straight out of Sydney Croatia's youth team.

with a powerful strike that flashed inches wide, but the night belonged to

Croatia, Slater and Savor in particular.

— Les Shorrock

BRAZIL NUTS ADCITY.

ADELAIDE CITY 2 (Mullen 39th, Vidmar 51st) **WOLLONGONG 3** (Skeen 2nd, Ainsworth 26th, Easthorpe 80th).

Adelaide City, proud West End NSL champion in 1986 is on its knees in rock-bottom spot on the 1988 ladder.

By contrast, Wolves are on top, but without Alan Brazil are unlikely to stay in that exalted position.

A warning to future opponents of the SA team: City is far from a spent force despite its lack of success in the first three rounds.

There were encouraging signs in last Saturday's game when City fought back from two goals down to level in the

51st minute, only to concede a late goal and the precious points.

The snap and the zip and the team play is still there, but City badly needs a more confident goalkeeper.

Man of the match:

ALAN BRAZIL

Robert Zabica, the former Perth Macedonia custodian was at fault with two of the Wolves goals, committing mistakes that shattered his side.

While Wolves are riding high, they had further good news this week when Brazil agreed to return for a further guest stint later this season.

— by Allan Crisp

YANKOS BETTER THAN WILSON

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on the national team, as if soccer's whole future depends on it. There is more to it than that. And why talk just about attendances? Sheffield Shield cricket is watched only by the players' wives and kids but no-one talks about crowds. Maybe there should be a revolution. Maybe Melbourne should have only two NSL teams and four or five in a second division. You will see, in the future, South American and Lebanese clubs take over in Sydney. A South American team would have tremendous support in the National League. But the ultimate solution lies with the clubs themselves. Quite simply, they have to be well administered and then they will go places. The problem is that we have not had stable club administration.

Man of the match:

ALAN KERR

HOW'S this for a soccer line-up: Gus Mercurio, Sam Kekovich, Keith Greig, Brian Taylor, Bobby Russell and Lester Ellis?

All will take part in a

sportsmen's night organised by Diamond Valley United at its Willinda Park headquarters on March 10. Kekovich, Greg and Taylor are of VFL fame, Ellis is one of Australia's top boxers and Mercurio is the actor and boxing referee.

Diamond Valley's on-field line-up this season will be almost as impressive.

It has signed former Croatia midfielder Alan Kerr from Eltham and former Macedonia, Thomastown and Keilor-Austria utility player Brian Flaherty. It expects to get three more former Macedonia players — Tom Brewerton from Sunbury, Mike Rainey from Eltham and Kieron Coyle from Essendon Triestina.

The club made a \$27,000 operating profit last season and has \$17,000 to spend on new players.

Diamond Valley president and club manager "Shocker"

Myles says he is keen to sign two more experienced midfielders, preferably with NSL or State League experience. They are invited to contact him on 309-5153.

Top players at Diamond Valley include sweeper Gar Dodd, full back Neil Draper and striker Micky Hodgson who scored 13 goals in half a season before being sidelined by a knee injury in 1987.

Coach is none other than Ollie Norris, who has coached Footscray JUST and Hakoah among others.

Diamond Valley United, the product of a merger two years ago between Heidelberg and Greensborough, has been relegated from Division Four to the Provisional League but there is little doubt that it will be promoted back at the end of the season.

The club still is seething over the circumstances in which it was relegated. East Brunswick was banned by the VSF for two years over allegations it had used unregistered players but the decision was changed and the club was fined instead.

Had East Brunswick stayed out, Diamond Valley would have been saved. As it turned out, though, East Brunswick was saved and the axe fell on the Valley.

Diamond Valley has a membership of 125 and fields no less than seven junior sides, all sponsored. Its function room is fully booked until February and its reserves won the league last year.

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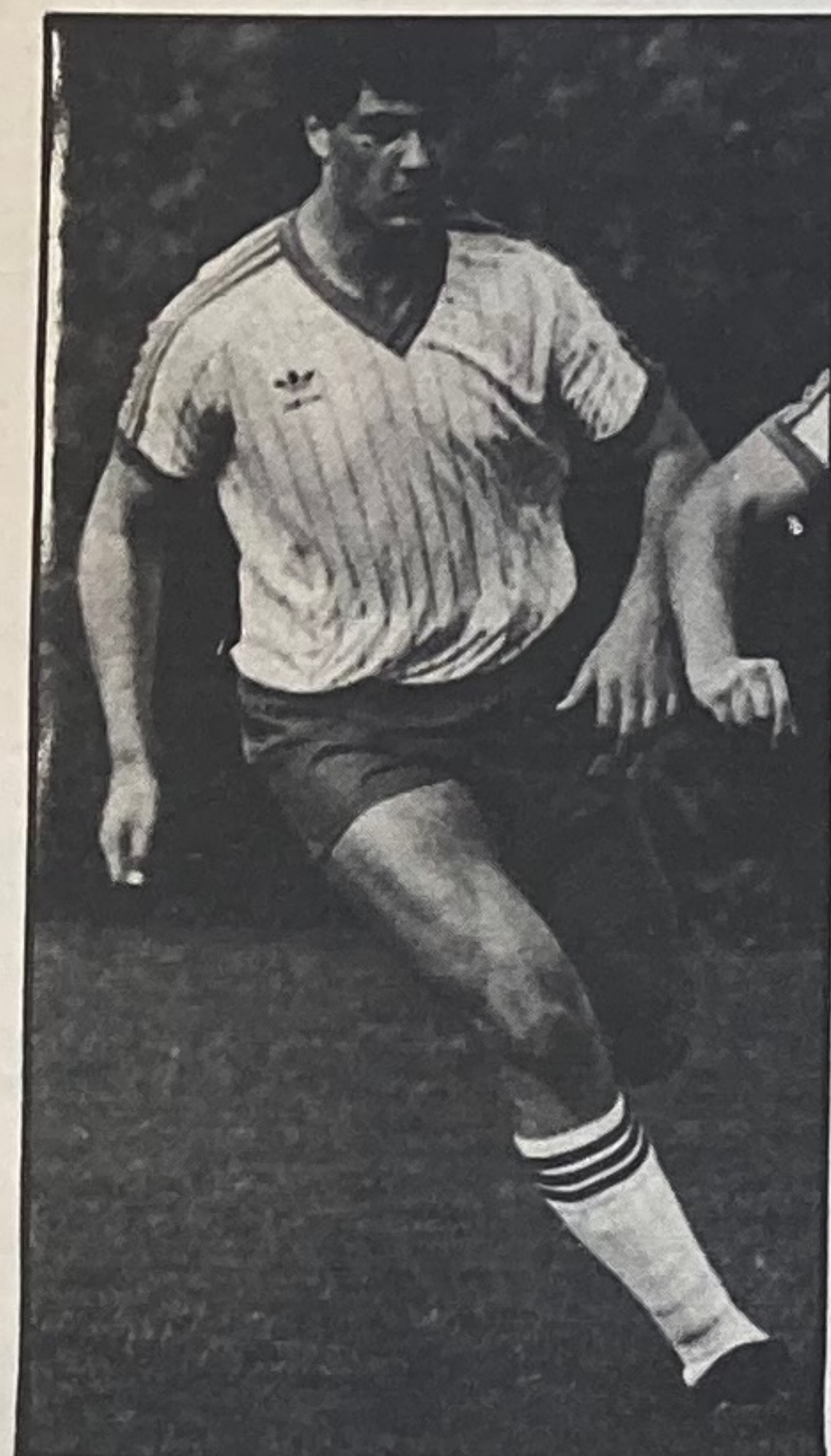


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BOX HILL LOOK



● Big Aki Kotzamichalis transferred this week to Sunshine George Cross. His power at the heart of the Polonia defence, and the experience of Gerry Bennett, will be sorely missed.

BOX HILL, the side responsible for the production of so many good young players, will again bank on youth.

Most of the strength of last year's squad has moved on and left new coach, John Brown, with the task of rebuilding his side to try to survive this year of change in the state League.

Both Dean Hennessey and Andy McMillan will be missing from the line up at the start of the season, a huge hole to fill as these two were one of the strongest combinations in the air in the league.

Keeper John McKinlay has been training at Croydon and he could well go al-

State League round-up with GARY CUTLER

though Stuart Lee is also training at Croydon and Miron Bleiberg will only need to sign one of them.

Stalwart Harry Hird has played for a number of seasons with a suspect knee and has told the club that he will not be playing this year but Brown is hopeful that he can persuade the former Juventus defender to have another season to add some much needed experience to his depleted back four.

But Brown who has been connected with the club for 19 years as a player, player-coach and now as coach, is optimistic he can bring on

some of the young players to try to be competitive in the league.

"Obviously the loss of these players is going to have a bad effect on our side," he said.

"We will pack experience and look like being a very short side. But we still have some very good players. Barry Burton, Alan Roodhouse and Steven Brimmer will compete with any midfield and up front Jim McBride is a good striker," said Brown.

Len Sullivan will make the step up from the reserves to fill the vacant

keeper's spot if McKinlay goes.

John Dimatrellis will fill the vacant left back position and Craig Davidson and Joe Mori will also be in the thick of things in the back four.

Former Albion Rovers defender, Tom McMorrow, will finally get his chance to show what he can do after waiting in the wings for a number of years.

The Hillmen have always been known for producing good young players but this could be the year they fall down with the six-team relegation looming.

To their credit they have not fallen for the temptation of going into large debts just to keep paying what they cannot really afford.

Perhaps if all clubs did the same thing soccer would get along a little better, but as for this season, well, it will be a long hard battle for Brown and his young troops.

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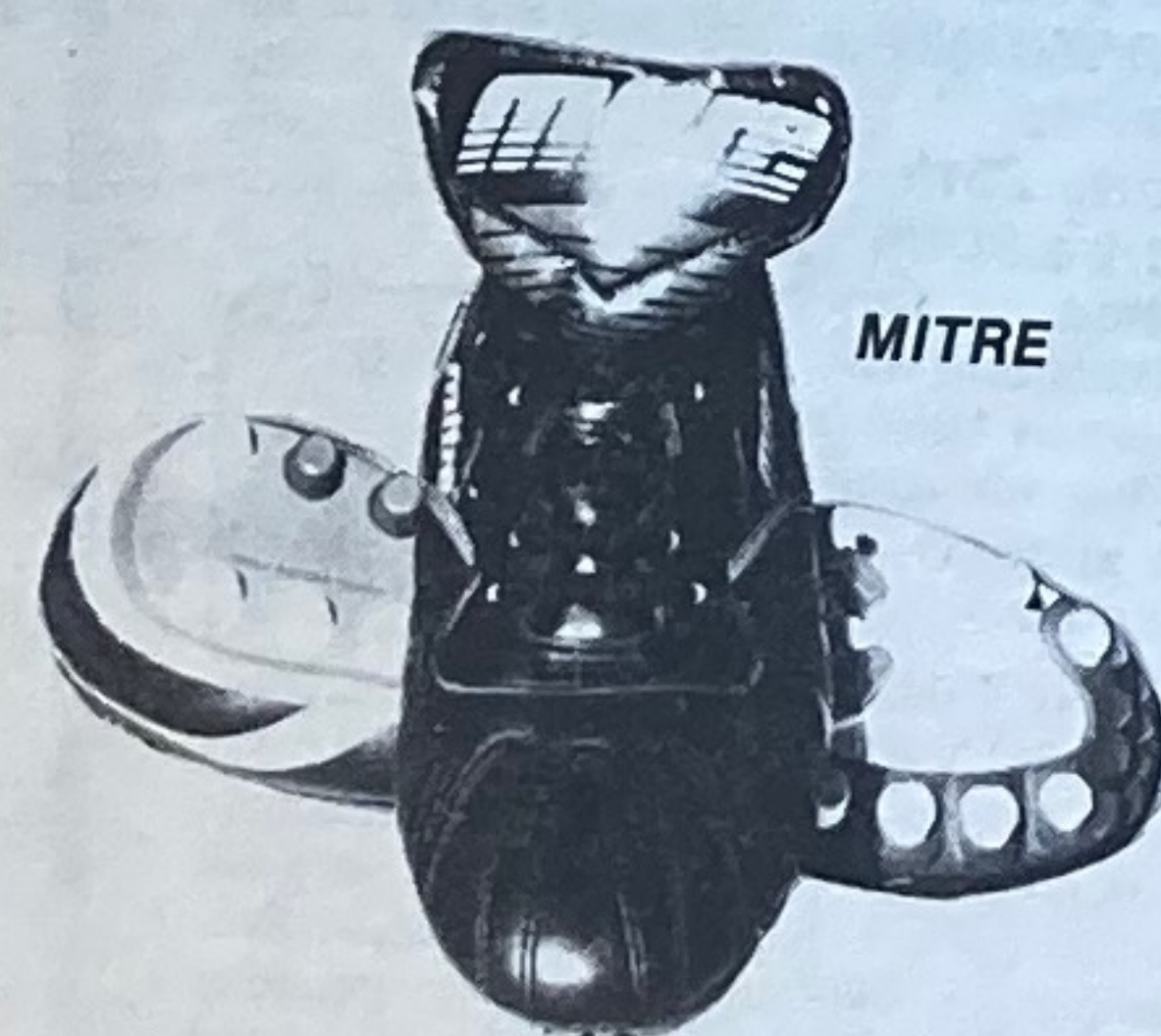
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● Russell Athersych... regarded as one of the best strikers in the league by Billy Murray.

Heidelberg Sign Morovic

HEIDELBERG Utd have made the first of what could be many plunges into the transfer market.

Dennis Morovic, one of the most respected strikers in the league and the main reason behind the success of St Albans, has been Terry Hennessey's first major signing since taking over.

Morovic has agreed terms with the club and the deal will be finalised this week.

The prospect of Morovic and Deeley would have been frightening but the Bergers will have to wait and see if Deeley returns from a planned trip to the UK.

Hennessey still feels that he's four players short of having a side that is capable of competing for the championship. But time is running out and many of the players on the list are now signed by other clubs.

ALL is well at Thomastown.

The appointment of Bill Murray as coach is the only major change this year at Thomastown.

The side which last year upset many teams with its open flowing play has consolidated and

with a couple of additions to the squad could well be a real strength.

How many clubs and

coaches have said to me this season: "I could do with a good striker".

The answer: "All of them." Thomastown is

BOX HILL winger, George Campbell, has asked for a transfer after being unable to agree to terms with the club. He is available for \$3,500.

MORWELL FALCONS striker, John Sokoluk, has arrived from the UK. The former Berwick Rangers striker played for East Fife before being recommended to Falcons by Scott Fraser. Sokoluk is 22.

RINGWOOD CITY are chasing the services of Dave Brogan. The Croydon City striker performed well in recent practice matches and coach Rob Nelson is keen to sign him.

HEIDELBERG defender Chris Ketsakidis is being chased by Sunshine George Cross after failing to come to terms with Footscray.

ST. ALBANS have signed Box Hill defender Andy McMillan for the maximum fee of \$500 stipulated in his contract.

GREEN Gully have swooped to sign midfielder Mark Wilson from St. Albans for \$5000. Wilson missed half of the 1987 season through work commitments.

They are both fine players, all I need now is to sort out the middle of park and we will not be far away," said Murray.

At the back he has some more than adequate defenders in George McMillan and Tony Cosentino and plans to add to the squad in the near future.

Keiran Coyle has been training at the club and should agree terms this week as will Nino Raguso, a midfielder from Regent Utd.

Victor Christaldo is trialling in South America but may be available by the start of the season.

Jim "Softy" Goist, a utility who played with Northwick Victoria in the UK will sign as soon as Andy Higgins is granted residence after his recent marriage. He will soon be joined by two other visa players but at this stage Murray is playing his cards close to his chest on their identities.

On the whole, things look promising for the Italian backed club and they will certainly be up there at the end of the season if Murray can get them to play to his style.

POLONIA HAS PROBLEMS

MARIBYNONG Polonia, last season's champions, will compete this year and not amalgamate with Melton.

The club has raised enough funds to make the club financial to continue this season.

However, Rob Nelson has left for Ringwood, and his position has been filled by former Broad-

meadows coach, Jim McIntyre, who realises the size of the task he has if the club is to be a threat this season.

Kees Storm has gone to Fawkner, and giant defender Aki Kotzamichalis is training with Sunshine George Cross but he is one player that McIntyre is keen to keep.

Captain Gerry Bennett has been linked with several clubs but is believed to have agreed

terms with Morwell Falcons. Polonia will need a replacement quickly if they want to be ready by March 5.

"We have been very late getting organised this year due to the financial situation of the club, but that has been resolved now and the job of getting a strong squad has been made much harder by the late start with most of the players of quality already being signed up by

clubs," said McIntyre.

Rick Lipiarski and Brendan Lakic will have a large task if they are to bring on the youngsters who will have to fill the boots of more experienced players.

Alex Marshall has not been at training since the Buffalo Cup and Greg Wasarwaski is suffering a hamstring injury but is expected to be available. McIntyre is desperate

for players, and has given the go-ahead for any player with State League experience to call the club as he can add up to seven players to the squad.

But with the State League just two weeks away and few quality players around the great side of last year may just be a memory and the internal turmoil at the club could prove to be much more costly.

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Sunshine increased the lead

SUNSHINE Heights proved too strong for Springvale City but despite the 5-1 scoreline the Buffalo Junior Cup final provided many high-

lights. Sunshine dominated from the start and as early as the 12th minute could have opened the scoring through George Zacharias.

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shortly after the break when Zacharias atoned for his earlier miss to make it 3-0.

Springvale goalkeeper Giuseppe made a superb save from Zacharias but soon afterwards was unlucky when another shot from Zacharias was deflected past him.

In the 22nd minute of the second half, Springvale scored the best goal of the game.

D. Grella finished off a superb move in which Scott Dalifa played a major role for a goal which would have done justice to any game.

However, John Panetta added a fifth goal for Sunshine and on the night it deserved its victory.

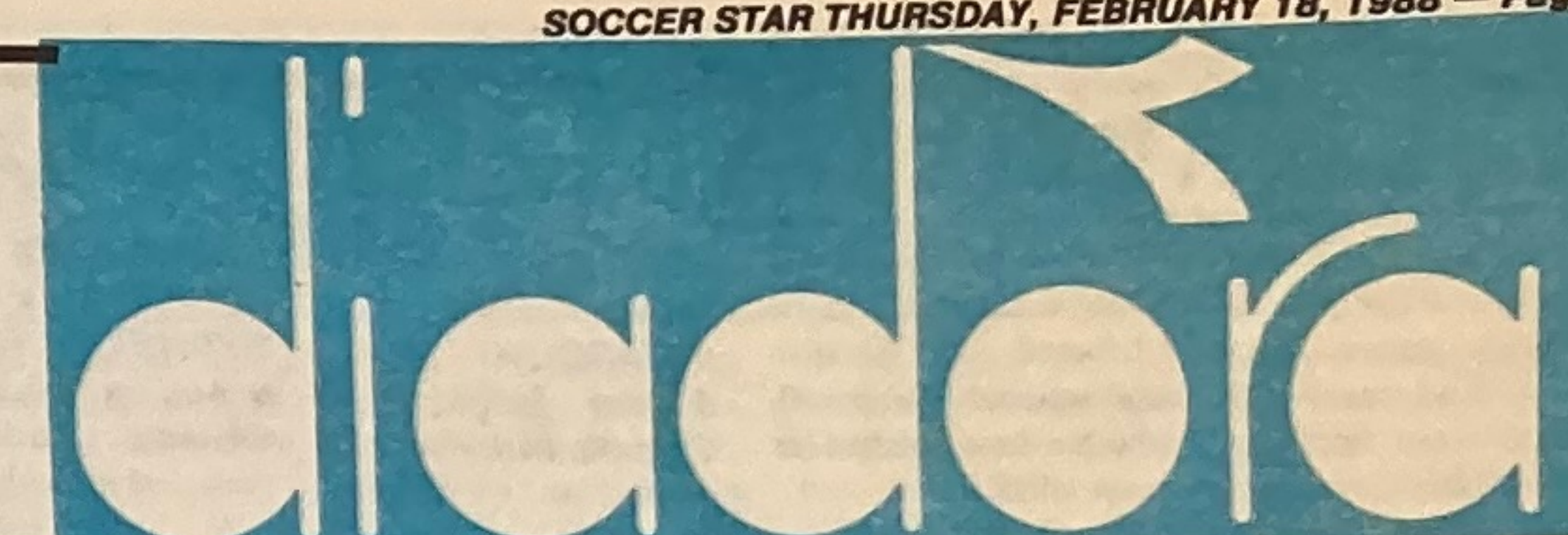
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Sunshine's Junior Cup

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Rebuilt Hellas wins the Cup

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 3
(Postecoglou penalties 33rd
and 36th, Tasios 43rd)
PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1
(Smith 44th), Buffalo Cup final at
Olympic Park.

Crowd 8367. Referee: Mike Gaut.
HELLAS: Giatas 7 — Healy 8, Russell 10,
Blair 8, Postecoglou 9 — Foster 7, Wade 6,
Tasios 6, Tzolakis 6 — Wright 6 (Fernandes
80th), Trimboli 9. Coach: Brian Garvey.
MAKEDONIA: Traianides 7 — Jackson 6
— Roodhouse 7, Piculovski 5, Jolevski 5
(Petrov 68th), Opasins 5 (McLelland 82nd)
— Stewart 7, Gojevic 6, Dimovski 4 —

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Smith 6, Brian 4 (Slifkas 7, half time).
Coach: Ernie Merrick.
JUNIOR BUFFALO CUP FINAL:
Sunshine Heights 5 (Zacharias 2, Kupisz 2,
Panelta) Springvale 1 (Grella).

MAKEDONIA showed how dangerous it
can be when, with George Slifkas on the
flank as a substitute, it finally decided to
have a go. By then however, it was far too
late, as Hellas led 3-1 at half time.

Makedonia's reticence in the first half
appeared to be the direct result of over-concern
with the opposition.

With Zoran Tasevski missing, Bill Piculovski
and George Jolevski were teamed in front of
sweeper Steve Jackson as the markers of Paul
Trimboli and Danny Wright, while Ian
Roodhouse and Con Opasins picked up Peter
Tsolakis and Paul Foster on the flanks.

Whereas, in their NSL clash at Connor
Reserve a week earlier, Makedonia had
matched Hellas thrust for thrust in an end-to-
end tussle, this time Hellas took the initiative
while Makedonia sat back.

Makedonia paid the penalty despite its
dramatic change in attitude after half time.
It was the first big triumph of coach Brian
Garvey's rebuilt Hellas side. Much has been
said about the new stars but Garvey was able to
perform the transformation of Hellas only
because he had a nucleus of reliable senior
players including Bobby Russell, who was as
solid as a rock in the sweeper's position.

Russell is the only player to have won the
NSL's player of the year award more than once.
He was given the ultimate accolade in 1979
when the award was decided according to votes
cast by members of the Australian Soccer Press
Association and again in 1986 when the award
took the form of the Rothmans Medal, for which
votes were cast by referees.



● Brian Garvey... a proud South Melbourne
Hellas coach.



● South Melbourne Hellas celebrating its Buffalo Cup Final victory. Left to right: Joe Katz (masseur),
P. Foster, David Healy, Con Giatas, Paul Fernandes, Angie Postecoglou, Paul Wade, Nick Van Den
Berg, Harry Micheil, Manny Anezakis, Henry Buck (physio), Peter Tzolakis, Paul Trimboli, Bobby
Russell, Steve Blair, Steve Tasios, Danny Wright.

Russell, previously with Sydney Croatia and
Adelaide Juventus, has not represented
Australia since 1979 yet his steady performance
in this final indicated he has lost little since then.

We're not saying he set the stadium aglow
with his sheer brilliance. Rather, it was his sheer
solidity, his reliability that made him so
important to Hellas's adventurous play further
upfield. He played only four games for the
Socceroos, incidentally — against the New
York Cosmos in Sydney, Beijing and Tianjin in
China and the Taipei City Bank team in Taiwan,
under coach Rudi Gutendorf in late 1979.

Striker Paul Trimboli and left back Angie
Postecoglou were the other big stars of the final.
While for Makedonia, no-one was better than
substitute Slifkas and midfielder John Stewart.
Goalkeeper Phil Traianides was beaten by
two penalties and an excellent move finished off
by Steve Tasios but he made a brilliant save late
in the match to prevent Paul Wade from
increasing the score. It was Hellas's sixth
night championship, having won it previously in
1969, 1970, 1976, 1982 and 1984. Makedonia,
perennial loser of finals, has yet to win a night
Cup.

Better things, perhaps, are in store in the
league campaign. A lot of potential was evident
in the first two rounds and striker Saso Petkovski
from Vardar Skopje has yet to arrive to take his
place in attack.

What's more, Zoran Ilioski, the most senior
of all NSL players, staked a strong claim for
re-inclusion in the senior team by scoring a hat-
trick in the reserves' 8-2 victory over Clifton Hill
two weeks ago.

Hellas took the lead in the final after

making most of the running for the first half-
hour. Trimboli skipped past Traianides and as
he was about to shoot, was caught around the
shoulder by Piculovski. Referee Mike Gaut
awarded the penalty and Postecoglou con-
verted expertly.

Orange flares lit up the far stand and the
players ran over to salute their fans.

A few minutes later, a through ball from Steve
Tasios sent Peter Tzolakis racing away down
the left.

He cut inside, got into the penalty area and
was challenged by Jolevski who committed what

South the more dangerous side

Gaut ruled to be a foul. Again Postecoglou
scored from the penalty spot.

Makedonia had the chance to score when
Steve Smith's head connected with a cross from
the right but Hellas goalkeeper Con Giatas
made a difficult save look easy.

At 1-2, Makedonia would have had a good
chance, but when Hellas made it 3-0, it was
practically all over. Foster twisted his way past
opponents on the right, inside the penalty area,
and cut the ball back low for Tasios to ram it in.

The first half ended with Smith turning swiftly
inside the box and driving a low angled shot past
Giatas to make it 3-1.

Slifkas came on to replace striker Mike Brian
and Goce Dimovski was moved from midfield to
attack. However, it was a night Dimovski would
rather forget.

Most of the second-half chances fell to
Makedonia but Hellas defended soundly.

Steve Gojevic was about to shoot when David
Healy cut across him, took the ball and started a
Hellas attack. Then Slifkas had a chance at
close range but his shot was charged down by
Russell and in yet another stroke of bad luck for
Makedonia, Stewart was dispossessed at the
crucial moment by Postecoglou.

Hellas came back with a Healy-Trimboli-
Wright combination that faltered when Tasios
hooked the ball over the bar. Makedonia
responded by putting extra emphasis on attack

by replacing Jolevski with midfielder George
Petrov.

Stewart raced through the middle and timed a
perfect pass into the open for Dimovski who,
however, hit the ball high over the crossbar.
Makedonia had given its best, and for the last
10 minutes, Hellas again looked the more
dangerous team.

Wade, Tzolakis and Trimboli worked the ball
forward to Tasios who failed to connect cleanly
with the ball and the last two scoring chances
saw Postecoglou heading wide from a Trimboli
cross and a shot by Wade being waved by
Traianides.



● South Melbourne's captain Bobby
Russell proudly holds the Buffalo Cup.

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NSL PREVIEWS CAN SOUTH WIN?

Cautions and injuries will play a major part in deciding games this week. Juventus, for instance went into last night's Beach Cup game without five senior players, Peter Lewis, Brian Brown, and Mehmet Durakovic all suspended, and Mickey Petersen and Frank McGrellis injured.

In addition Garry McDowall after two recent cautions is near the danger mark, as is Scott Patterson.

How they all pull up after the Cup match could have a big bearing on the outcome of the League match against Sydney Olympic.

This week's games:
WOLLONGONG v MELBOURNE CROATIA

5.30 pm, Sunday at Brandon Park.

Two of the only three unbeaten teams in the competition meet at Brandon Park on Sunday in the match of the round.

Wollongong has got off to a wonderful start, dropping only one point, and with the backing of media multi-millionaire Harry Michaels and the stimulus of playing in a brand-new stadium, there's an air of excitement in Steel City.

But how much of 'Gong's success can be attributed to Scottish international Alan Brazil, who has now finished his guest stint?

Brazil has been the inspiration of the team, and has brought out the best in players like Danny Crainie, the ex-South Melbourne midfielder, and striker Randall Easthorpe.

Preston Makedonia came nearest to beating Wollongong, coming back with a point from a goalies draw. Preston was a little unlucky in that game, having a good goal by John Stewart disallowed because another player was offside.

Preston coach Ernie Merrick said after the game that Wollongong would get caught out one day as it relied too heavily on the offside trap.

"They play too square at the back", was his comment.....are you listening, Ian Wallace?

If Branko Milosevic and Alan Scott give Paul Lewis and Josip Biskic the right service, they can make any offside trap look silly, and Melbourne Croatia ought to come back with a point.

SOUTH MELBOURNE v MARCONI
8 pm Saturday at Olympic Park (second game of a double-header)

Marconi, breathing hard down Wollongong's neck in second place, comes to Olympic Park for Saturday's attractive double-header minus Frank Farina, who was sent off last week.

You only have to look at Marconi's goals-for column to see how important Farina is to Marconi, he has scored five of the side's nine goals already.

South Melbourne, on the crest of a wave of enthusiasm after winning the Buffalo Cup, has yet to prove itself in the League.

Although unbeaten, it has not yet won a game, and that cracker by Steve Tasios last week against Footscray is all it has to show for its efforts in the goalscoring department.

In all its three League games so far, it has gone off like a house on fire in the first half, only to wilt and find itself hanging on desperately for a point in the second.

Can Brian Garvey teach these youngsters to pace themselves?

BRUNSWICK JUVENUS v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
6 pm Saturday at Olympic Park (first game, double-header)

A rather battered Juventus faces Sydney Olympic in the opening match of Saturday's double-header at Olympic Park, and the encounter should be a fascinating one.

It's Eddie Thomson versus Len McKendry off-field and on-field John Kosmina and Marshall Soper versus Garry McDowall and Brian Brown at one end and Charlie Egan and Joey Palastides versus Robert Hooker and Tony Dakos at the other. It should be some tussle.

McKendry has been using Andrew Zinni in the midfield, will he let him loose to try his speed against Olympic's relatively inexperienced defence?

BRISBANE LIONS v SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
6 pm Saturday at Richmond.

It was obvious before the season started that George Cross, with only a limited budget at its disposal, and having lost Paul Trimboli, not to mention several other

senior players was going to be up against it this season.

What Georgie didn't need as well, was the sort of opening fixture list it got.

This is its third away match in the first four rounds, and they have all been interstate to make things worse.

That means an overnight stay during this silly summer business, and I imagine the extra expense must have put a few more creases in the club treasurer's forehead.

Given the standard of refereeing in the far North it was always hard to win in Brisbane and Georgie will do well to come back with a point.

But as club president Alf Zahra said in these columns last week his players are full of fight and they proved it last week downing last season's champion, APIA.

ST. GEORGE v FOOTSCRAY
7 pm Sunday at St. George Stadium.

If Footscray turns on the sort of soccer it has displayed recently and then South Melbourne, and the question is, can they bounce back?

They'll never get a better chance, for at the moment, Adelaide City's mood must be pretty bleak too.

the right mood he is a match-winner and no doubt Frank Arok, who should know him well by now will have laid plans to thwart him.

St. George will be without Steve O'Connor, sent off last week, and probably captain Andy Koczka will drop back into the defence in his place.

For his part, Footscray coach Mirsad Fazlagic will probably play his 'unknown', Milan Dimoski from Yugoslavia who came on for a few minutes last week.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA v ADELAIDE CITY
6 pm Sunday at Connor Reserve.

Almost unbelievable, Preston has yet to score a goal and it seems as though coach Ernie Merrick has something like a crisis of confidence on his hands.

Losing the Buffalo Cup-final was a heavy psychological blow to the players, after all it was the sixth final Preston has lost in three years, and the question is, can they bounce back?

Oscar Crino is the key to the Blues' success, in

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As Allan Crisp points out in his match report, Addcity has a goalkeeping problem that newcomer Robert Zabica has so far not solved.

Coach Zoran Matic is badly missing Willie McNally who has gone to Perth.

It looks like a golden opportunity for Steve Smith, one of the League's best finishers, to get on the score-sheet at last.

SYDNEY CROATIA v APIA LEICHHARDT
8 pm Saturday at the Croatian Sports Centre

Has the APIA bubble burst? Coach Rale Rasic berated his men after the 1-0 loss to Georgie last week, and this week's game will show whether it was just a temporary setback, brought on by taking George Cross too lightly, or whether the rot has set in.

APIA is undoubtedly missing striker Gary Ward, still out of action after being savagely beaten-up after a one-day cricket match in Sydney.

Sydney Croatia, on the other hand, couldn't be happier with its striking department, with Robbie Slater in scintillating form and a newcomer, Tony Keslovich, recently promoted to the seniors, who looks a great prospect.

Brontons gave it everything, but the professional League side just never had the players to compete with United. Peter Smith opened up

UNITED SCORE HALF DOZEN!

CORIO-GEELONG UNITED wiped the floor with Brontons, notching six goals without reply in the Geelong Advertiser Cup soccer match at Batesford.

And the Western Victorian Soccer Association upset the apocryphal by beating Hamlyn Rangers 2-0.

In the opening game, United had the ball in the back of the net before the substitutes had warmed the benches.

In the first minute Brontons was caught in possession. Vince Manganeli pounced on a loose ball rattling the shins of Colin Bishop with his shot and Paul den Ouden tucked the rebound over the line.

It was the start United was looking for and Brontons could not stem the flow.

Five minutes later, Manganeli jinked into the area, turned, hesitated and still had time to do a pirouette before slotting the ball into the net.

Brontons gave it everything, but the professional League side just never had the players to compete with United. Peter Smith opened up

the floodgates by clipping a 40-metre job which had the keeper floundering in the second half and Brontons was three goals down.

Sergio di Blasi joined in the queue to shoot and crashed a curling drive against the right angle.

Brontons never came to grips with the severity of United's attack and when Robbie Noggler skinned Jim Robertson to plant the ball inside the post, any hope of a respectable scoreline vanished.

At 4-0, United was still not satisfied and John Pecchiari brushed aside the opposition to finish with a fierce shot which clipped the post on its way into the net.

George van der Chys gave an exhibition in clinical finishing when he squeezed the ball through a ruck of players to end the rout at 6-0.

With nothing but local pride at stake in the Group B game, WVSA demoralised Hamlyn Rangers with a 2-0 victory.

The usual battling image of Hamlyn Rangers died at Batesford and the Sunday league select side took the credit for the obituary.

Both sides struggled for dominance in a game

bogged down in mid-field.

But it was the "poor relation" who showed the imagination going forward and Rangers never had the know-how to provide positive counter-attacks.

In its third game of the series, WVSA at last put it together and played attacking soccer.

The WVSA fans were bouncing up and down on the terracing when Peter Repeack shrugged off challenges and slotted the ball home midway through the half to give his side the lead.

Rangers came back with token efforts before the break and the feeling around the ground was that the Victorian League Division Three would increase the tempo in the second half.

But the pundits were wrong. The Select never allowed Rangers to settle and under the orchestration of Michael Spiranic started to run the show.

NORTH GEELONG and Geelong turned on the charm in the final preliminary round of the Geelong Advertiser Cup, and the bumper crowd could not get enough of it.

Both sides put on a superb exhibition of skill, tenacity and imagination thrilling spectators with a 2-2 draw.

A shakey start by Geelong was quickly punished when John Coutta carried a bobbling ball forward releasing to Wally Stojanovski. The striker tucked it home with spectators still arriving at the ground.

With the wind at its back Geelong pushed forward, but North quickly replied with probing runs that made a mockery of Geelong's offside trap.

Billy Priest was quickly in action when John Hrkac wormed his way through the backline, but the keeper equalled the shot parrying wide.

Play switched sharply

Provisional League Cup draw for the Preliminary Round on Saturday March 12 kick off 3 pm.

Ascot Vale City v. Fitzroy City, Clayton v. Brantford, Waverley United v. North Sunshine, Carrum United v. Diamond Valley Utd. South Yarra v. Meadow Park, Mossfield Rangers v. Riversdale, Glenroy v. Debnay Park, Malvern City v. Prahran, Melton v. Altona United, Lyndale United, Ascot Vale City v. Mitcham United.

Byes: Westmeadows, Parkmore, Regent, Ballarat, Springvale Condors, South Springvale, Fitzroy City, Monbulk, Kensington United, South Dandenong, Brandon Park, Ringwood Rovers, Cranbourne, Berwick

With the wind at its back Geelong pushed forward, but North quickly replied with probing runs that made a mockery of Geelong's offside trap.

to the other end and Geelong took command, dominating play for the rest of the half.

Neil Plummer clipped the ball over the oppressed North backline and Liam McCloskey rattled a first timer into the goal-mouth. Con Dimopoulos pulled off a superb reflex to deny the equaliser.

The seig continued and

player after player tested the North backline with a variety of shots but the Reds stood firm.

Eddy Radojevic almost turned a shot over his own crossbar as the hungry Geelong forwards went in for the kill. With a fierce wind at its back Geelong continued the pressure and North refused to budge. — Paul Millar

The seig continued and

Provisional League Cup

Batman United, Uni of Melbourne, Ardeer, Monash University, Brantford, Brunswick City, Kew Eagles, Cranbourne, Dingley/Skye, Ascot St Marks, Provisional League Reserve Cup: Saturday March 12. Kick off 3 pm.

Batman United v. Ascot St Marks, Springvale Condors v. Ardeer, South Springvale v. Regent, Clayton v. Fitzroy City (1.00 pm).

Byes: Kew Eagles, Brandon Park, South Dandenong, Monbulk, Malvern City, Ringwood Rovers, Waverley United, Meadow Park, Cranbourne, Berwick

City, Diamond Valley United, Monash University, South Yarra, Prahran, Dingley/Skye, Mossfield, Debnay Park, Mitcham United, Brunswick City, Forest Hill, North Sunshine, Westmeadows, Parkmore, Riversdale, Uni of Melbourne, Melton, Lyndale United, Ascot Vale City.

Amateur League Reserve Cup: Saturday March 13. Kick off at 3 pm.

Hawthorn United v. Old Scotch, Keilor United v. Epping Thistle, Diggers Rest v. Upfield. Byes: Macabli, Collingwood City, East Richmond, Latrobe University, Anstey United, Waverley Wanderers, Balwyn City, Yarra United, Phillip Institute, East Altona, Furlan United, RMIT, Endeavour Hills.



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SATURDAY APRIL 2nd (ROUND ONE)

Knox City v. Dandenong
Altona Gate v. Mordialloc
Essendon City v. Richmond
Nunawading City v. Westgate
Albion v. Sunbury United
Broadmeadows City v. Werribee
Frankston Pines v. Mooroolbark

SATURDAY APRIL 9th (ROUND TWO)

Sunbury United v. Nunawading City
Westgate v. Albion Gate
Westgate v. Knox City
Dandenong v. Albion

SUNDAY APRIL 10th

Richmond v. Frankston Pines
Werribee v. Essendon City
Mordialloc v. Essendon City
Mordialloc v. Broadmeadows City

SATURDAY APRIL 16th (ROUND THREE)

Mooroolbark v. Westgate
Altona Gate v. Dandenong
Essendon City v. Mordialloc
Nunawading City v. Richmond

SUNDAY APRIL 17th

Albion v. Knox City
Broadmeadows City v. Sunbury United
Frankston Pines v. Werribee

SATURDAY APRIL 23rd (ROUND FOUR)

Sunbury United v. Essendon City
Westgate v. Albion
Dandenong v. Broadmeadows City
Knox City v. Albion Gate

SUNDAY APRIL 24th

Richmond v. Mooroolbark
Werribee v. Nunawading City
Mordialloc v. Frankston Pines

SATURDAY APRIL 30th (ROUND FIVE)

Altona Gate v. Albion
Essendon City v. Dandenong
Nunawading City v. Mordialloc
Mooroolbark v. Werribee

SUNDAY MAY 1st

Broadmeadows City v. Knox City
Frankston Pines v. Sunbury United
Richmond v. Westgate

SATURDAY MAY 7th (ROUND SIX)

Sunbury United v. Mordialloc
Westgate v. Essendon City
Dandenong v. Werribee
Knox City v. Richmond
Altona Gate v. Nunawading City

SUNDAY MAY 8th

Werribee v. Richmond
Mordialloc v. Mooroolbark
Dandenong v. Frankston Pines
Albion v. Broadmeadows City

SATURDAY MAY 14th (ROUND SEVEN)

Essendon City v. Albion
Nunawading City v. Dandenong
Mooroolbark v. Sunbury United

SUNDAY MAY 15th

Broadmeadows City v. Albion Gate
Frankston Pines v. Knox City
Richmond v. Mordialloc
Werribee v. Westgate

SATURDAY MAY 21st (ROUND EIGHT)

Sunbury United v. Richmond
Westgate v. Broadmeadows City
Knox City v. Nunawading City
Altona Gate v. Essendon City

SUNDAY MAY 22nd

Mordialloc v. Werribee
Dandenong v. Mooroolbark
Albion v. Frankston Pines

SATURDAY MAY 28th (ROUND NINE)

Essendon City v. Broadmeadows City
Nunawading City v. Albion
Mooroolbark v. Knox City
Werribee v. Sunbury United
Mordialloc v. Westgate

SUNDAY MAY 29th

Frankston Pines v. Albion Gate
Richmond v. Dandenong

SATURDAY JUNE 4th (ROUND TEN)

Sunbury United v. Mordialloc
Westgate v. Essendon City
Dandenong v. Werribee
Knox City v. Richmond
Altona Gate v. Nunawading City

SUNDAY JUNE 5th

Albion v. Mooroolbark
Broadmeadows City v. Frankston Pines
Knox City v. Frankston Pines
Westgate v. Werribee

SATURDAY JUNE 11th (ROUND ELEVEN)

Frankston Pines v. Essendon City
Nunawading City v. Broadmeadows City
Altona Gate v. Frankston Pines
Richmond v. Albion
Werribee v. Knox City
Mordialloc v. Dandenong
Sunbury United v. Westgate

SATURDAY JUNE 18th (ROUND TWELVE)

Westgate v. Frankston Pines
Dandenong v. Sunbury United
Knox City v. Mordialloc
Altona Gate v. Richmond
Essendon City v. Nunawading City

SUNDAY JUNE 19th

Albion v. Werribee
Broadmeadows City v. Mooroolbark

SATURDAY JUNE (ROUND THIRTEEN)

Sunbury United v. Knox City
Westgate v. Dandenong
Nunawading City v. Frankston Pines
Mooroolbark v. Essendon City

SUNDAY, JUNE

Richmond v. Broadmeadows City
Werribee v. Albion Gate
Mordialloc v. Albion

SATURDAY JULY 2nd (ROUND FOURTEEN)

Dandenong v. Knox City
Sunbury United v. Albion
Westgate v. Nunawading City
Mooroolbark v. Frankston Pines

SATURDAY JULY 3rd

Mordialloc v. Albion Gate
Werribee v. Broadmeadows City
Richmond v. Essendon City

SATURDAY JULY 9th (ROUND FIFTEEN)

Nunawading City v. Mooroolbark
Essendon City v. Werribee
Altona Gate v. Sunbury United
Knox City v. Westgate

SUNDAY JULY 10th

Frankston Pines v. Richmond
Broadmeadows City v. Mordialloc
Albion v. Dandenong City

SATURDAY JULY 16th (ROUND SIXTEEN)

Knox City v. Albion
Dandenong v. Albion Gate
Sunbury United v. Broadmeadows City
Westgate v. Mooroolbark

SUNDAY JULY 17th

Mordialloc v. Essendon City
Werribee v. Frankston Pines
Richmond v. Nunawading City

SATURDAY JULY 23rd (ROUND SEVENTEEN)

Essendon City v. Sunbury United
Altona Gate v. Knox City
Mooroolbark v. Richmond
Nunawading City v. Werribee

SUNDAY JULY 24th

Albion v. Westgate
Broadmeadows v. Dandenong City
Frankston Pines v. Mordialloc

SATURDAY JULY 30th (ROUND EIGHTEEN)

Dandenong v. Essendon City
Knox City v. Broadmeadows City
Sunbury United v. Frankston Pines
Westgate v. Richmond

SUNDAY JULY 31st

Mordialloc v. Nunawading City
Werribee v. Mooroolbark
Albion v. Albion Gate

SATURDAY AUGUST 6th (ROUND NINETEEN)

Nunawading City v. Sunbury (United)
Altona Gate v. Westgate
Essendon City v. Knox City
Mooroolbark v. Mordialloc

SUNDAY AUGUST 7th

Richmond v. Werribee
Frankston Pines v. Dandenong
Broadmeadows City v. Albion

SATURDAY AUGUST 13th (ROUND TWENTY)

Sunbury United v. Mooroolbark
Altona Gate v. Broadmeadows City
Knox City v. Frankston Pines
Westgate v. Werribee

SUNDAY AUGUST 14th

Albion v. Essendon City
Dandenong v. Nunawading City
Mordialloc v. Richmond

SATURDAY AUGUST 20th (ROUND TWENTY-ONE)

Nunawading City v. Knox City
Essendon City v. Albion Gate
Mooroolbark v. Dandenong

SUNDAY AUGUST 21st

Richmond v. Sunbury United
Broadmeadows City v. Westgate
Werribee v. Mordialloc
Frankston Pines v. Albion

SATURDAY AUGUST 27th (ROUND TWENTY-TWO)

Knox City v. Mooroolbark
Sunbury United v. Werribee
Westgate v. Mordialloc
Altona Gate v. Frankston Pines
Dandenong v. Richmond

SUNDAY AUGUST 28th

Broadmeadows City v. Essendon City
Albion v. Nunawading City

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3rd (ROUND TWENTY-THREE)

Essendon City v. Westgate
Nunawading City v. Albion Gate
Mooroolbark v. Albion

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4th

Mordialloc v. Sunbury United
Werribee v. Dandenong
Richmond v. Knox City
Frankston Pines v. Broadmeadows City

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10th (ROUND TWENTY-FOUR)

Essendon City v. Frankston Pines
Altona Gate v. Mooroolbark
Knox City v. Werribee
Dandenong v. Mordialloc
Westgate v. Sunbury United

SUNDAY AUGUST 11th

Broadmeadows City v. Nunawading City
Albion v. Richmond

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17th (ROUND TWENTY-FIVE)

Sunbury United v. Dandenong
Mooroolbark v. Broadmeadows City
Nunawading City v. Essendon City

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18th

Frankston Pines v. Westgate
Mordialloc v. Knox City
Werribee v. Albion
Richmond v. Albion Gate

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24th (ROUND TWENTY-SIX)

Knox City v. Sunbury United
Dandenong v. Westgate
Essendon City v. Mooroolbark
Altona Gate v. Werribee

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25th

Frankston Pines v. Nunawading City
Broadmeadows City v. Richmond
Albion v. Mordialloc

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Division Two

ROUND ONE (SAT. APRIL 2nd 1988)

Altona City v. Waverley City
Clifton Hill v. Heidelberg City
Doncaster Rovers v. Sandringham City
Eltham v. Ringwood United
Kellor v. Prahran/Brighton
Yarraville v. Port Melbourne
Doveton v. North Geelong

ROUND TWO (SAT. APRIL 9th 1988)

Port Melbourne v. Doveton
Prahran/Brighton v. Yarraville
Ringwood United v. Kellor
Sandringham City v. Eltham
Heidelberg City v. Doncaster Rovers
North Geelong v. Albion City
Waverley City v. Clifton Hill

ROUND THREE (SAT. APRIL 16th 1988)

Clifton Hill v. Albion City
Doncaster Rovers v. Waverley City
Eltham v. Heidelberg City
Kellor v. Sandringham City
Yarraville v. Ringwood United
Donovon v. Prahran/Brighton
Port Melbourne v. North Geelong

ROUND FOUR (SAT. APRIL 23rd 1988)

Prahran/Brighton v. Port Melbourne
Ringwood United v. Doveton
Sandringham City v. Yarraville
Heidelberg City v. Kellor
North Geelong v. Clifton Hill
Waverley City v. Eltham
Altona City v. Doncaster Rovers

ROUND FIVE (SAT. APRIL 30th 1988)

Doncaster Rovers v. Clifton Hill
Eltham v. Albion City
Kellor v. Waverley City
Yarraville v. Heidelberg City
Doveton v. Sandringham City
Port Melbourne v. Ringwood United
Prahran/Brighton v. North Geelong

ROUND SIX (SAT. MAY 7th 1988)

Ringwood United v. Prahran/Brighton
Sandringham City v. Port Melbourne
Heidelberg City v. Doveton
North Geelong v. Doncaster Rovers
Waverley City v. Yarraville
Altona City v. Kellor
Clifton Hill v. Eltham

ROUND SEVEN (SAT. MAY 14th 1988)

Eltham v. Doncaster Rovers
Kellor v. Clifton Hill
Yarraville v. Albion City
Doveton v. Waverley City
Port Melbourne v. Heidelberg City
Prahran/Brighton v. Sandringham City
Ringwood United v. North Geelong

ROUND EIGHT (SAT. MAY 21st 1988)

Sandringham City v. Ringwood United
Heidelberg City v. Prahran/Brighton
North Geelong v. Port Melbourne
Waverley City v. Port Melbourne
Altona City v. Doveton
Clifton Hill v. Yarraville
Doncaster Rovers v. Kellor

ROUND NINE (SAT. MAY 28th 1988)

Kellor v. Eltham
Yarraville v. Doncaster Rovers
Doveton v. Clifton Hill
Altona City v. Port Melbourne
Prahran/Brighton v. Waverley City
Ringwood United v. Heidelberg City
Sandringham City v. North Geelong

ROUND TEN (SAT. JUNE 4th 1988)

Heidelberg City v. Sandringham City
North Geelong v. Kellor
Waverley City v. Ringwood United
Altona City v. Prahran/Brighton
Clifton Hill v. Port Melbourne
Doncaster Rovers v. Doveton
Eltham v. Yarraville

ROUND ELEVEN (SAT. JUNE 11th 1988)

Yarraville v. Kellor
Doveton v. Eltham
Port Melbourne v. Doncaster Rovers
Prahran/Brighton v. Clifton Hill
Ringwood United v. Albion City
Sandringham City v. Waverley City
Heidelberg City v. North Geelong

ROUND TWELVE (SAT. JUNE 18th 1988)

Yarraville v. North Geelong
Waverley City v. Heidelberg City
Altona City v. Sandringham City
Clifton Hill v. Ringwood United
Doncaster Rovers v. Prahran/Brighton
Eltham v. Port Melbourne
Kellor v. Doveton

ROUND THIRTEEN (SAT. JUNE 25th 1988)

Yarraville v. Doveton
Port Melbourne v. Kellor
Prahran/Brighton v. Eltham
Ringwood United v. Doncaster Rovers
Sandringham City v. Clifton Hill
Heidelberg City v. Albion City
North Geelong v. Waverley City

ROUND FOURTEEN (SAT. JULY 2nd 1988)

Waverley City v. Albion City
Heidelberg City v. Clifton Hill
Sandringham City v. Doncaster Rovers
Ringwood United v. Eltham
Prahran/Brighton v. Kellor
Port Melbourne v. Yarraville
North Geelong v. Doveton

ROUND FIFTEEN (SAT. JULY 9th 1988)

Doveton v. Port Melbourne
Yarraville v. Prahran/Brighton
Kellor v. Ringwood United
Eltham v. Sandringham City
Doncaster Rovers v. Heidelberg City
Altona City v. North Geelong
Clifton Hill v. Waverley City

Altona City v. Clifton Hill
Waverley City v. Doncaster Rovers
Heidelberg City v. Eltham
Sandringham City v. Kellor
Ringwood United v. Yarraville
Prahran/Brighton v. Doveton
North Geelong v. Port Melbourne

ROUND SEVENTEEN (SAT. JULY 23rd 1988)

Port Melbourne v. Prahran/Brighton
Doveton v. Ringwood United
Yarraville v. Sandringham City
Kellor v. Heidelberg City
Clifton Hill v. North Geelong
Eltham v. Waverley City
Doncaster Rovers v. Albion City

ROUND EIGHTEEN (SAT. JULY 30th 1988)

Clifton Hill v. Doncaster Rovers
Altona City v. Eltham
Waverley City v. Kellor
Heidelberg City v. Yarraville
Sandringham City v. Doveton
Ringwood United v. Port Melbourne
North Geelong v. Prahran/Brighton

ROUND NINETEEN (SAT. AUGUST 6th 1988)

Prahran/Brighton v. Ringwood United
Port Melbourne v. Sandringham City
Doveton v. Heidelberg City
Doncaster Rovers v. North Geelong
Yarraville v. Waverley City
Kellor v. Albion City
Eltham v. Clifton Hill

ROUND TWENTY (SAT. AUGUST 13th 1988)

Doncaster Rovers v. Eltham
Clifton Hill v. Kellor
Altona City v. Yarraville
Waverley City v. Doveton
Heidelberg City v. Port Melbourne
Sandringham City v. Prahran/Brighton
North Geelong v. Ringwood United

ROUND TWENTY-ONE (SAT. AUGUST 20th)

Ringwood United v. Sandringham City
Prahran/Brighton v. Heidelberg City
Eltham v. North Geelong
Port Melbourne v. Waverley City
Doveton v. Albion City
Yarraville v. Clifton Hill
Kellor v. Doncaster Rovers

ROUND TWENTY-TWO (SAT. AUGUST 27th)

Eltham v. Kellor
Doncaster Rovers v. Yarraville
Clifton Hill v. Doveton
Port Melbourne v. Albion City
Waverley City v. Prahran/Brighton
Heidelberg City v. Ringwood United
North Geelong v. Sandringham City

ROUND TWENTY-THREE (SAT. SEPT. 3rd)

Sandringham City v. Heidelberg City
Kellor v. North Geelong
Ringwood United v. Waverley City
Prahran/Brighton v. Albion City
Port Melbourne v. Clifton Hill
Doveton v. Doncaster Rovers
Yarraville v. Eltham

ROUND TWENTY-FOUR (SAT. SEPT. 10th)

Kellor v. Yarraville
Eltham v. Doveton
Doncaster Rovers v. Port Melbourne
Clifton Hill v. Prahran/Brighton
Altona City v. Ringwood United
Waverley City v. Sandringham City
North Geelong v. Heidelberg City

ROUND TWENTY-FIVE (SAT. SEPT. 17th)

North Geelong v. Yarraville
Heidelberg City v. Waverley City
Sandringham City v. Albion City
Ringwood United v. Clifton Hill
Prahran/Brighton v. Doncaster Rovers
Port Melbourne v. Eltham
Doveton v. Kellor

ROUND TWENTY-SIX (SAT. SEPT. 24th)

Doveton v. Yarraville
Kellor v. Port Melbourne
Eltham v. Prahran/Brighton
Doncaster Rovers v. Ringwood United
Clifton Hill v. Sandringham City
Altona City v. Heidelberg City
Waverley City v. North Geelong

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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21 (ROUND FOUR)
Preston v. Caulfield City 4.00 pm
Waverley City v. Melbourne Croatia 11.00 am
Clarinda v. Footscray 11.00 am
South Melbourne v. Nunawading City 11.00 am
Oakleigh v. Waverley City 11.00 am
Heidelberg Utd v. Sunshine George 11.00 am
Waverley Mulgrave v. Cross 11.00 am

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27 (ROUND FIVE)
Melbourne Croatia v. Preston 4.00 pm
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28
Nunawading City v. Clarinda 11.00 am
Footscray v. Waverley City 4.00 pm
Heidelberg Utd v. Sunshine George 4.00 pm
Cross v. BU Juventus 6.00 pm
Oakleigh v. South Melbourne 6.00 pm
Waverley Mulgrave v. Caulfield City 6.00 pm
SUNDAY MARCH 6 (ROUND SIX)
Waverley Mulgrave v. Heidelberg Utd 4.00 pm
Waverley City v. Nunawading City 11.00 am
Clarinda v. Oakleigh 11.00 am
SUNDAY MARCH 13 (ALSO ROUND SIX)
Caulfield City v. Melbourne Croatia 4.00 pm
Preston v. Footscray 4.00 pm
South Melbourne v. Sunshine George 4.00 pm

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SUNDAY MARCH 20 (ROUND SEVEN)
Sunshine George v. Cross v. Clarinda 2.00 pm
Oakleigh v. Waverley City 2.00 pm
Nunawading City v. Preston 2.00 pm
Footscray v. Caulfield City 2.00 pm
Heidelberg Utd v. BU Juventus 2.00 pm
South Melbourne v. Melbourne Croatia v. Waverley Mulgrave 2.00 pm
SUNDAY MARCH 27 (2; 5; 1 (-) 4)
Melbourne Croatia v. Footscray 4.00 pm
Caulfield City v. Nunawading City 4.00 pm
Preston v. Oakleigh 4.00 pm
Sunshine George v. Cross v. Waverley City 4.00 pm
Clarinda v. South Melbourne 4.00 pm
Heidelberg Utd v. Waverley Mulgrave 4.00 pm
Waverley City v. BU Juventus 4.00 pm
SUNDAY APRIL 3 (ROUND NINE)
Heidelberg Utd v. Clarinda 4.00 pm
Waverley City v. Sunshine George 4.00 pm
Cross v. Preston 4.00 pm
Oakleigh v. Caulfield City 4.00 pm
SUNDAY MAY 1 (ROUND THIRTEEN)
Clarinda v. Waverley City 4.00 pm
South Melbourne v. Preston 4.00 pm
BU Juventus v. Waverley Mulgrave 4.00 pm
SUNDAY APRIL 10 (ROUND TEN)
Footscray v. Nunawading City 4.00 pm
Melbourne Croatia v. Heidelberg Utd 4.00 pm

Oakleigh
Caulfield City v. Sunshine George
Cross
Preston v. Waverley City 11.00 am
Clarinda v. BU Juventus 11.00 am
Waverley Mulgrave v. South Melbourne 11.00 am
SUNDAY APRIL 17 (ROUND ELEVEN)
Melbourne Croatia v. Clarinda 11.00 am
BU Juventus v. Waverley City 11.00 am
Heidelberg Utd v. Preston 11.00 am
Caulfield City v. Footscray 11.00 am
Oakleigh v. Sunshine George 11.00 am
Nunawading City v. Waverley Mulgrave 11.00 am
SUNDAY APRIL 24 (ROUND TWELVE)
Nunawading City v. Oakleigh 11.00 am
Footscray v. Sunshine George 11.00 am
Cross v. Waverley Mulgrave 11.00 am
Heidelberg Utd v. Heidelberg Utd 11.00 am
Preston v. BU Juventus 11.00 am
Waverley City v. South Melbourne 11.00 am
Clarinda v. Waverley Mulgrave 11.00 am

Sunshine George
Cross v. Nunawading City 11.00 am
Waverley Mulgrave v. Oakleigh 11.00 am
SUNDAY MAY 8 (ROUND FOURTEEN)
Clarinda v. Preston 11.00 am
Sunshine George v. Cross v. Oakleigh 11.00 am
Nunawading City v. Heidelberg Utd v. Footscray 11.00 am
BU Juventus v. Melbourne Croatia v. Caulfield City 11.00 am
Waverley Mulgrave v. Waverley City 11.00 am
SUNDAY MAY 15 (ROUND FIFTEEN)
Waverley City v. BU Juventus 11.00 am
Heidelberg Utd v. BU Juventus 11.00 am
Sunshine George v. Cross 11.00 am
SUNDAY JUNE 12 (ROUND NINETEEN)
Melbourne Croatia v. Nunawading City 11.00 am
Waverley City v. Waverley Mulgrave 11.00 am
Footscray v. Preston 11.00 am
Nunawading City v. Waverley City 11.00 am
SUNDAY MAY 22 (ROUND SIXTEEN)
South Melbourne v. Footscray 11.00 am
Clarinda v. Melbourne Croatia 11.00 am
Waverley City v. Waverley Mulgrave 11.00 am

SUNDAY MAY 29 (ROUND SEVENTEEN)
Caulfield City v. Preston 11.00 am
Melbourne Croatia v. Footscray v. Clarinda 11.00 am
Nunawading City v. South Melbourne 11.00 am
Oakleigh v. BU Juventus 11.00 am
Sunshine George v. Cross v. Heidelberg Utd 11.00 am
Waverley Mulgrave v. Waverley City 11.00 am
SUNDAY JUNE 5 (ROUND EIGHTEEN)
Preston v. Melbourne Croatia 11.00 am
Clarinda v. Nunawading City 11.00 am
Waverley City v. Waverley Mulgrave 11.00 am
Footscray v. Sunshine George 11.00 am
SUNDAY JUNE 12 (ROUND NINETEEN)
Melbourne Croatia v. Nunawading City 11.00 am
Waverley City v. Waverley Mulgrave 11.00 am
Footscray v. Preston 11.00 am
Nunawading City v. Waverley City 11.00 am
SUNDAY MAY 22 (ROUND SIXTEEN)
South Melbourne v. Footscray 11.00 am
Clarinda v. Melbourne Croatia 11.00 am
Waverley City v. Waverley Mulgrave 11.00 am

Caulfield City v. Footscray
BU Juventus v. Heidelberg Utd 11.00 am
Waverley Mulgrave v. Melbourne Croatia 11.00 am
South Melbourne v. Waverley City 11.00 am
SUNDAY JUNE 26 (ROUND TWENTY-ONE)
Footscray v. Melbourne Croatia 11.00 am
Nunawading City v. Caulfield City 11.00 am
Oakleigh v. Preston 11.00 am
Sunshine George v. Cross 11.00 am
Clarinda v. Heidelberg Utd v. South Melbourne 11.00 am
BU Juventus v. Waverley Mulgrave 11.00 am
SUNDAY JULY 3 (ROUND TWENTY-TWO)
Clarinda v. Heidelberg Utd 11.00 am
Waverley City v. Preston v. Sunshine George 11.00 am
Caulfield City v. Oakleigh 11.00 am
Melbourne Croatia v. Nunawading City 11.00 am
South Melbourne v. BU Juventus 11.00 am
Waverley Mulgrave v. Footscray 11.00 am
SUNDAY JULY 10/17 (ROUND TWENTY-THREE split to be advised)
Nunawading City v. Footscray 11.00 am
Oakleigh v. Melbourne Croatia 11.00 am
Sunshine George v. Waverley City 11.00 am
Preston v. Nunawading City 11.00 am

Heidelberg Utd v. Waverley City
BU Juventus v. Clarinda 11.00 am
South Melbourne v. Waverley Mulgrave 11.00 am
SUNDAY JULY 24 (ROUND TWENTY-FOUR)
Clarinda v. South Melbourne 11.00 am
Waverley City v. BU Juventus 11.00 am
Preston v. Heidelberg Utd 11.00 am
Caulfield City v. Footscray v. Oakleigh 11.00 am
Waverley Mulgrave v. Nunawading City 11.00 am
Melbourne Croatia v. Sunshine George 11.00 am
SUNDAY JULY 31 (ROUND TWENTY-FIVE)
Sunshine George v. Cross v. Footscray 11.00 am
Melbourne Croatia v. Heidelberg Utd v. Caulfield City 11.00 am
BU Juventus v. Preston 11.00 am
South Melbourne v. Waverley City 11.00 am
Waverley Mulgrave v. Clarinda 11.00 am
SUNDAY AUGUST 7 (ROUND TWENTY-SIX)
Preston v. Clarinda 11.00 am
Oakleigh v. Sunshine George 11.00 am
Cross v. Nunawading City 11.00 am
Heidelberg Utd v. Footscray 11.00 am
Melbourne Croatia v. BU Juventus 11.00 am
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Ireland, Uruguay the world's best

THE Republic of Ireland and Uruguay were the top national teams of European and South American competition respectively for 1987. The Irish, with the down-to-earth, cigarette-pinching George, Jack Charlton, in charge, lost just one game last year — in Bulgaria. Uruguay was a cert for South American honours after successfully defending its hold on the Copa America in '87. Here are the tables, depicting percentage records for international competition last year:

EUROPE									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	%		
Republic of Ireland	8	6	1	1	14	3	61.25		
Holland	7	4	3	0	13	2	78.57		
Italy	10	6	3	1	15	3	75.00		
Romania	10	11	1	0	11	7	72.22		
Soviet Union	9	5	3	1	12	5	72.22		
Bulgaria	7	5	0	2	12	5	71.42		
England	10	6	2	2	10	7	68.75		
West Germany	9	4	4	1	10	5	66.66		
Spain	7	4	1	2	16	10	64.28		
Switzerland	9	3	3	3	7	9	61.11		
Sweden	9	4	2	3	9	6	61.11		
East Germany	10	5	2	3	10	9	60.00		
Poland	11	5	4	2	20	16	59.09		
Yugoslavia	7	4	0	3	13	9	57.14		
Czechoslovakia	7	2	2	3	9	8	57.14		
Portugal	8	3	3	2	6	7	56.25		
Hungary	9	4	2	3	12	10	55.55		
Wales	6	2	2	2	8	4	50.00		
Scotland	8	3	2	3	6	7	50.00		
Iceland	6	0	2	4	3	15	44.44		
Greece	9	2	4	3	7	6	42.85		
Belgium	7	2	2	3	7	6	42.85		
Denmark	6	1	2	3	5	7	33.33		
France	6	1	2	3	5	11	33.33		
Austria	6	1	2	3	5	11	33.33		
Northern Ireland	6	1	2	3	5	11	33.33		
Turkey	6	1	1	4	6	16	25.00		
Malta	7	0	3	4	10	21	21.42		
Finland	5	1	0	4	6	11	20.00		
Cyprus	5	1	0	4	6	11	20.00		
Luxembourg	7	0	1	6	2	16	14.28		
Albania	4	0	0	4	1	12	0.00		

Cruyff: I was betrayed!

WHEN Johan Cruyff quit dutch giant Ajax Amsterdam, eight months after steering it to European glory in the Cup-winners' Cup, it was the third time they had parted company — and it probably will be the last.

The first time Cruyff and Ajax parted was prompted by his record-breaking transfer to Barcelona, the second involved his shock switch to arch enemy Feyenoord and this third time saw him depart after a blow-up with Ajax's directors.

Cruyff has always been a man of individual views and never reluctant to share them. He was sent off at 18 in one of his first international for altercation with East German referee Rudi Glockner — just the first in a string of disputes with officials which punctuated his early career with Ajax and then in Spain with Barcelona.

As a manager, Cruyff extended his reputation for plain talking. Many of his players did not like it. Personal disagreement has played a part in the departures from Ajax over the past eight months of no fewer than four star names; Marco Van Basten, Sonny Silooy, Peter Boeve and most recently, Frank Rijkaard.

Cruyff has frequently courted anger from above — whether from the Dutch federation, the KNVB, with his occasional refusal to accept players for international duty, or from his own board for his outspoken comments.

After Cruyff returned to Ajax, in team management, in 1985, a public peace was maintained. Until last summer. Then Cruyff spoke out the critically about board policy which saw the better, older players regularly sold off. He warned that, although a talented new generation was breaking through, there could be no return to the glory days unless the more experienced players found it worth their while to stay in Amsterdam.

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Johan Cruyff

While his words were left to simmer, Cruyff crossed swords with the Dutch Footballer of the Year Rijkaard, who walked out of training at the end of September vowing never to return.

The relationship between the two men had been uncertain ever since the start of last year when Cruyff persuaded Rijkaard to rip up an agreement to transfer to PSV Eindhoven.

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WHOOSH, it's McLaughlin

It's action like this which packs the fans in at Chelsea's Stamford Bridge. Here Joe McLaughlin's flying tackle upsets Manchester United's Brian McClair in Saturday's Barclays League Division One match. United won 2-1.

UK soccer tables, scores

ENGLISH LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE

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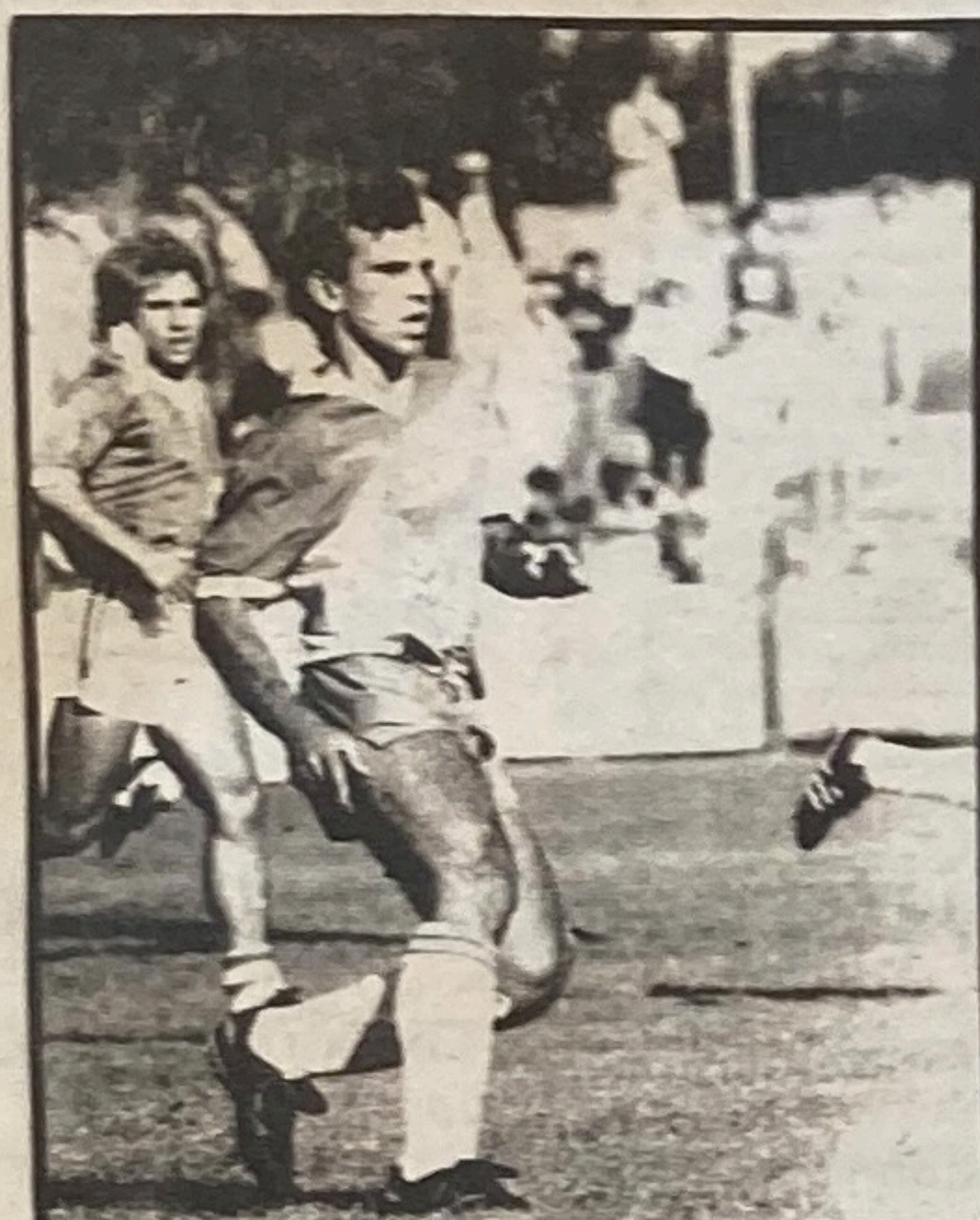
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George Kalogeros South Melbourne



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Buggy Nyskohus

BRISBANE LIONS v SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20 at RICHLANDS STADIUM K.O. 6 PM

SYDNEY CROATIA v APIA LEICHHARDT
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20 at CROATIAN SPORTS CENTRE K.O. 8 PM

WOLLONGONG CITY v MELBOURNE CROATIA
SUNDAY FEB 21 at BRANDON PARK K.O. 5.30 PM

ST. GEORGE v FOOTSCRAY
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21 at ST. GEORGE STADIUM K.O. 7 PM